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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16-18 and 20 as follows.

1. (Currently amended) An interlocking lid for a container, comprising:

first and second lid panels for hingedly engaging the container adjacent to each other, said first and second lid panels positional between closed and opened positions; and

wherein at least one of said first and second lid panels comprises a beveled lid shoulder, provided in at least one of said first and second lid panels an interlock flange spaced-apart from said beveled lid shoulder and an interlock groove between said interlock flange and said beveled lid shoulder for facilitating liquid runoff when said first and second lid panels are in said open position.

2. (Original) The interlocking lid of claim 1 further comprising a lid clasp carried by said first and second lid panels for sealing said first and second lid panels in said closed position.

3. (Currently amended) The interlocking lid of claim 1 further comprising a pair of cylinders and a ~~pair of~~ lid panel actuation ~~pistons~~ piston extendible from each of said cylinders, ~~respectively,~~ and operably engaging a corresponding one of said first and second lid panels, ~~respectively,~~ for positioning said

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first and second lid panels between said closed position and said open position.

4. (Original) The interlocking lid of claim 3 further comprising a lid clasp carried by said first and second lid panels for sealing said first and second lid panels in said closed position.

5. (Original) The interlocking lid of claim 1 further comprising a shoulder slope shaped in said beveled lid shoulder.

6. (Original) The interlocking lid of claim 5 further comprising a lid clasp carried by said first and second lid panels for sealing said first and second lid panels in said closed position.

7. (Currently amended) The interlocking lid of claim 5 further comprising a pair of cylinders and a pair of lid panel actuation ~~pistons~~ piston extendible from each of said cylinders, ~~respectively,~~ and operably engaging a corresponding one of said first and second lid panels, ~~respectively,~~ for positioning said first and second lid panels between said closed position and said open position.

8. (Original) The interlocking lid of claim 7 further comprising a lid clasp carried by said first and second lid panels for sealing said first and second lid panels in said

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closed position.

9. (Currently amended) An interlocking lid for a container, comprising:

first and second lid panels for hingedly engaging the container adjacent to each other, said first and second lid panels positional between closed and opened positions;

wherein at least one of said first and second lid panels comprises a beveled lid shoulder having a front segment and a rear segment, ~~provided in at least one of said first and second lid panels~~ an interlock flange spaced apart from said beveled lid shoulder and an interlock groove between said interlock flange and said beveled lid shoulder for facilitating liquid runoff when said first and second lid panels are in said open position; and

a shoulder slope provided in said rear segment of said beveled lid shoulder.

10. (Original) The interlocking lid of claim 9 further comprising a lid clasp carried by said first and second lid panels for sealing said first and second lid panels in said closed position.

11. (Currently amended) The interlocking lid of claim 9 further comprising a pair of cylinders and a ~~pair of~~ lid panel actuation pistons piston extendible from each of said cylinders, respectively, and operably engaging a corresponding one of said

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first and second lid panels, ~~respectively~~, for positioning said first and second lid panels between said closed position and said open position.

12. (Original) The interlocking lid of claim 11 further comprising a lid clasp carried by said first and second lid panels for sealing said first and second lid panels in said closed position.

13. (Currently amended) An interlocking lid for a container, comprising:

first and second lid panels for hingedly engaging the container adjacent to each other, said first and second lid panels positional between closed and opened positions;

wherein at least one of said first and second lid panels comprises a beveled lid shoulder, provided in at least one of said first and second lid panels an interlock flange spaced-apart from said beveled lid shoulder and an interlock groove between said interlock flange and said beveled lid shoulder for facilitating liquid runoff when said first and second lid panels are in said open position; and

a lid clasp comprising a first interlock flange carried by said first lid panel for removably engaging said second lid panel and a second interlock flange carried by said second lid panel for removably engaging said first lid panel.

14. (Currently amended) The interlocking lid of claim 13

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further comprising a pair of cylinders and a ~~pair of~~ lid panel actuation ~~pistons~~ piston extendible from each of said cylinders, ~~respectively,~~ and operably engaging a corresponding one of said first and second lid panels, ~~respectively,~~ for positioning said first and second lid panels between said closed position and said open position.

15. (Original) The interlocking lid of claim 13 further comprising a shoulder slope shaped in said beveled lid shoulder.

16. (Currently amended) The interlocking lid of claim 15 further comprising a pair of cylinders and a ~~pair of~~ lid panel actuation ~~pistons~~ piston extendible from each of said cylinders, ~~respectively,~~ and operably engaging a corresponding one of said first and second lid panels, ~~respectively,~~ for positioning said first and second lid panels between said closed position and said open position.

17. (Currently amended) The interlocking lid of claim 13 wherein said ~~lid clasp~~ further interlock groove comprises a first interlock groove provided in said first lid panel for receiving said second interlock flange and further comprising a second interlock groove provided in said second lid panel for receiving said first interlock flange.

18. (Currently amended) The interlocking lid of claim 17 further comprising a pair of cylinders and a ~~pair of~~ lid panel

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actuation ~~pistons~~ piston extendible from each of said cylinders,
~~respectively,~~ and operably engaging a corresponding one of said
first and second lid panels,~~respectively,~~ for positioning said
first and second lid panels between said closed position and
said open position.

19. (Original) The interlocking lid of claim 17 further
comprising a shoulder slope shaped in said beveled lid shoulder.

20. (Currently amended) The interlocking lid of claim 19
further comprising a pair of cylinders and a ~~pair of~~ lid panel
actuation ~~pistons~~ piston extendible from each of said cylinders,
~~respectively,~~ and operably engaging a corresponding one of said
first and second lid panels,~~respectively,~~ for positioning said
first and second lid panels between said closed position and
said open position.

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